

DEATH IN A WRECK

FAST PASSENGER TRAIN ON THE
PANHANDLE COLLIDES WITH
LOADED COAL CAR.

THREE PASSENGERS BURNED

Engineer Clark Dead Beneath His En
..gine—List of Injured Incomplete.

cincinnati, name unknown, with his head crushed, his right arm broke and both legs cut off; three passengers

how many cannot at this hour be learned, is the awful story of the wrecking of the Panhandle limits from St. Louis east bound to New

The engine while going at full speed struck a loaded car which had escaped from the siding at Xenia and ran down the grade on the main track, where

The Pu humans followed and laid across the track at right and left. A ga-

heard coming from one of the Pullmans and the helpless onlookers were compelled to see two women and one

TRAVELS INCOG.
Mayor Ames of Minneapolis

between Mayor Ames, of Minn., and Mrs. Ames and Fred Mayor, and Mrs. Ames arrived

House in which he was recommended as "house surgeon" of a leading hotel at West Baden. In answer to inquiry

It became known about the hotel that the guests really were Mayor Ames and his wife. They left this city for

John Davis' Wife and Daughter Brew
Glassware.

Leish saloon at Pecatonica last night. Davis was in the saloon drinking. Mr. Davis demanded that he come out of

pidor, throw it at the saloonkeeper. He dodged and the vessel struck the mirror. Another missile was throw

terminated he threw her husband out of the saloon. The damage amounted to \$150.

Chicago, July 24.—President Mitchell left tonight for Milwaukee, where

success, because the men were standing solidly for their demands and not one had deserted the union so far as he was able to learn. He said the miners

Counter Proposition.

proposition accepting six cents per ton
less for mining on the condition that
the operators shall push cars by ma-

Washington, July 24—Secretary Shays left at midnight for a consultation with the president at Oyster Bay.

Shower; and not so warm Friday
Saturday fair; light variable winds
becoming west.

ended Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock as reported by Prof. J. H. Coonradt, government observer.

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FIRST DAY OF THE FAIR

Marion. The members of Myrtle and the other Sisters joined in a picnic at Weldon.

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TILL TAPPER CAUGHT.

Harris Smeade, or Meade, of Tuscola is in the County Jail.

Harris Smeade, or Meade, a laborer of Tuscola, was sent to the county jail Tuesday in default of a bond in the sum of \$200 to await a hearing on the charge of tapping a till in Mrs. Turner's restaurant at 437 Front street.

Smeade had been looting about the restaurant and was known to be broke, for he did not have money to pay for his meals. It is supposed that he came to Decatur on the excursion Sunday and got stranded here Tuesday morning about a clock when the man in charge of the restaurant went to call the cook he left Smeade sitting near the cash register and on coming back he noticed the cash register, which was closed, and noticed, too, that two nickels, the only ones in the drawer, were missing. Later he went upstairs, again and when he came back Smeade was out. About that time the restaurant man made a sale and when he opened the register noticed that two-dollar bill which was there when he returned after his first trip upstairs, was gone. Naturally he suspected Smeade. There is a salary only a few doors west and there it was learned that Smeade had given a new two-dollar bill in exchange for a drink only a few moments before.

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GREAT DEMAND FOR PEARLS.

Enormous Prices Being Paid for Popular Jewels.

"The great and growing demand among the so-called precious stones is pre-eminently for pearls," said a western man at the Fifth avenue hotel. "Pearls have enormously enhanced in value, they have practically doubled in fact in the last few years, and the desire to possess them is seemingly without abatement."

"One of the great American jewelers who has shops as well in London and Paris, told me that the demand for pearls was greater than the supply, and that he consequently looked for a steady enhancement in value even over the present high prices, and that for this reason he regarded a purchase of good pearls as a first-class investment, certain in time to yield a good return on the capital. A certain wealthy friend of mine asked me while in Paris this summer to run into this jeweler's and look over a couple of strings which she thought of purchasing. Nothing like I obeyed, and my reward was great. The jeweler displayed to my astonished gaze strings of pearls such as I never expected to see, and thought only existed in the fabled imagination of Lothar. They were in this case literally in 'lopes,' and the jeweler told me, were the first that had ever been got together."

"The two strings my friend was hesitating over came to 340,000 francs and 125,000 francs, respectively, and to my unuttered eye seemed identical in size and appearance."

"The jeweler, however, pointed out differences in the sheen and the regularity with which they were matched," continued the western man, "which, small and unimportant as they seemingly were, nevertheless made this enormous difference in the value of the two necklaces. He assured me also that from the investment point of view the more expensive would prove the cheaper in the end, for if the purchaser should desire to dispose of it at some time in the future it would command the ready market. This jeweler told me a number of curious things about pearls. He said that they never dried, which is contrary to the popular belief."

"The dead white pearls—those one is accustomed to think of as dead—this jeweler advised, me, had always been that way. I instance a world renowned necklace which had been collected by a famous New York banker. The jeweler told me he knew the necklace well, and that the pearls had always been the same color. In fact, these dead white pearls were popular, and had been so when the banker collected the necklace, for which he paid a colossal sum. The jeweler told me pearls of this kind were no longer in vogue, and commanded only a small price in proportion to that brought by pearls with a sheen, and he said he doubted whether this necklace, if now placed on the market, would bring a fraction of its original cost, despite the fact that it is probably the most perfectly matched string of large-sized pearls known."

"He also told me that his firm had in 1895 sold a string for \$100,000, and that in 1900 they had had an unsuccessful effort to repurchase it. The finest individual pearl that has appeared in Paris in years was purchased in the French capital by Gates, the steel magnate."

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HOW TO STAND AND WALK.

Marie Seaton Criticizes the Kangaroo, Military and Peasant Gait.

Walking is a forgotten art. Considering the importance attached to "the grace of motion" it would seem in these days of physical culture that walking should receive more attention. While physical culture is almost epidemic, walking, one of its most vital details, is too often overlooked.

The correct walk is not the kangaroo, or straight front, as it is called, for an exaggerated walk is an abomination, fit only for "on parade" in the Boverly, or at cake walk contests. Gracefulness of carriage is so essential to good appearance, that it merits the closest study and observation. It is a good plan to study the soles from time to time to see what part of your foot you are jammed and the outer edge of the sole worn, you turn your toes out too much and your step is too long for the length of your limb.

PEASANT AND INDIAN TYPES. It is equally wrong to toe out or to toe in. The peasant-born type, the American Indian, and the clown, all toe in, while the vulgar and dishonest person usually is splay-footed.

A military walk has precision and good bearing, but the stiffness of the drill must yield to individuality before it can be called graceful. The breadth of shoulder and length of limb at once modify the length of step. Never take a step so long that you have to throw yourself forward. In stepping turn the toes out moderately, perhaps about three inches from the parallel. Make the movements elastic, not stiff. Stiffness is a sign of age and springiness is the fault of youth. An old man to appear jaunty.

There is a good physiological reason why women can not run gracefully or throw a stone straight. A perfectly formed woman can never hope to accomplish these feats, and it is better to try. In going at a moderate pace it is proper to let the arms swing gently, but keep the hands with palms turned toward the body.

How to stand correctly is as important as to walk well. If a woman is obliged to stand for any length of time she is sure to throw her weight on one foot. The result is that one hip grows out farther than the other, and if she develops to any size the defect is noticeable.

To stand well the body must be perfectly balanced, the weight being on both feet, the right foot a little in advance, but firmly placed, and the temptation to sway should be resisted. The pose of the body should be easy and flexible, bending a little at the waist. The tendency to fuss with the hands and to shift the weight back and forth, while looking around to see if there is not something to lean against, are a few of the difficulties a woman must overcome before she can stand well. Always stand where you can not lean, and hold yourself up, always with a sense of being ready to step out at a moment's notice, and you will soon acquire the habit of suppleness.

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Albert Edward will be made king again August 9 if he lives.

Whatever else the Vatican may be it is always safely diplomatic. Ask Judge Taft.

It is said that Attorney General Hamlin will be a candidate for governor in 1904.

David B. Hill is indulging in pipe dreams of Democratic success in New York this year.

The Carter Harrison presidential boom has collapsed. John P. Hopkins stuck a pin in it.

Corn dropped so hard that it reached those underneath. It always does. When one man wins some other must lose. Any gambler will tell you so.

They now want mines in South Africa to help the Boers build up their devastated farms. The mine appears to be equally useful in war and in peace.

This is the season when the people are releasing the congressman who could not get their eye on the ball. Many of them found it out without making a hit.

Some one seems now to have ears in the July corner. The board of trade farmers are great at manipulating prices. Of course it makes no difference to the man who uses the stuff and the oats and corn.

The scheme of William J. Bryan to use a piece of marble from each state he carried in the construction of a mantle in his new residence has the disadvantage of being expensive on account of freight. The states he carried are a long way from home.

Both vice queens of England are American women. A daughter of Levi Z. Leiter of Chicago is the queen of India. A daughter of one of the Vanderbilts will be the vice queen of Ireland. These are daughters of rich men. In America every good woman is a queen. No vice queen is hers.

American has not been invited to the Russian trust conference. It looks as though the meeting would be more anti-American than anti-trust. The way this country is gobbling up all the markets of the old world makes them want to nail things down over there.

A Mrs. Joubert of Murphysboro, Ill., has become almost as distinguished as the Boer general, De la Roubert, who stormed Majuba Hill. She shot and killed her husband and his brother who while drunk attempted to kill her. The job was magnificently and gallantly executed and so thoroughly that there were no anti-mortem statements and no doctor's bills. Nothing was in order after the job except the funeral.

Dowd's latest trick is to prohibit nudes in his Zion. It makes people think of the prophet Elijah every time they see Dowd. He is so little like the old Hebrew saint. The idea of a man parading as a modern prophet who is jealous of a poor, innocent nude. Perhaps Dowd feels he will lose his reputation as a kicker and a brayer in competition with the hybrid of the jackass and the horse.

Should there be any little matter by which Senator Spooner would not desire to continue in the United States senate from Wisconsin the president would without doubt find him a handy man to have on the Panama canal commission. In 1908 at the close of President's Roosevelt's second term Spooner might be in demand for the presidency. Among the many good republicans in the United States John C. Spooner is not the least available.

A writer in the Outlook is filled with alarm because it cost so much more annually to run the government than it did forty years ago. When, he says, it cost only \$60,000,000 and now costs a billion, but this writer loses sight of the fact that forty years ago the government was paying 12 per cent

interest on money borrowed to meet deficiencies while the government can now borrow money at 2 and 3 per cent and has no deficiencies. Who wants to go back forty years?

Labor organizations have gained much in public estimation by the faithfulness to contracts by the labor authorities in the coal strike in the east and the freight handlers in Chicago. John Mitchell stood like the overbearing hills in favor of the soft coal miners keeping their agreements. The Chicago Federation of Labor did the same with the teamsters. The officers of the teamsters' union forced the members to do as they had agreed. It is not only right but it pays to be honest.

Congressman Joseph R. Crowley of Robinson has been nominated for congress in the new twenty-third Illinois district. It will be remembered that the democratic convention met some months ago at Newton. After two days failure to nominate the convention adjourned for a couple of weeks. They met at Carlinville, but again failed to secure a candidate. Each county had a candidate and would vote for no other. The convention then adjourned for a few days. After a few weeks the congressional committee met and decided to convene the convention composed of the same delegates. After another two days' struggle Congressman Crowley was chosen. Democratic people are pretty scarce these days and the small boys of that faith make a big scramble for a piece when any is in sight.

A BUMPER CORN CROP.

A Chicago special says that wheat and oats cropped the front at the board of trade Friday and that corn was valued at second place. This is accounted for in the fact that a bumper crop is regarded as certain. Paul Morton, first vice president of the Santa Fe road, predicts a bumper crop of corn for the west and the entire country this season. He estimates the total crop of the country at 2,500,000,000 bushels, and declares that the mill-roads of the west will have all they can do to take care of the increased traffic that will result therefrom. Mr. Morton's estimate was made after a careful survey of the situation, supplemented by personal inspection of western states traversed by the lines of the Santa Fe and by reports given him by agents of the company in nearly every corn-bearing state in the union. "I am convinced," says Mr. Morton, "that this country will have the largest corn yield in its history and that the high water mark of 2,200,000,000 bushels will be exceeded by at least 300,000,000 bushels."

BRUTAL FEDERAL EMPLOYEE DISMISSED.

Immigration inspectors will have to look out for their manners as well as their methods under Commissioner General Sargent, who has just procured from Secretary Shaw the dismissal of Inspector Dubarry, a veteran of the service going back to the Harrison administration. It appears from the evidence laid before Mr. Sargent that Dubarry, who had been attached to the Buffalo station, inspecting passengers coming into this country by railroad from Canada, has been in the habit of entering a car by the rear door and then pounding down upon a victim from behind, suddenly thrusting his head over the latter's shoulder at a sudden and sharp inquiry, "Where are you going to?" He seems to have played his trick once too often. A woman of respectable character was startled the other day by the appearance of Dubarry's head over her shoulder as described, and when she remonstrated against the sort of questions with which he began plying her in a very offensive manner, she says that he used brutal and abusive language. The train lands corroborate her story and the stories of other passengers who made complaint.

Dubarry, in making an explanation, convicted himself, so that Mr. Sargent decided to make his case a warning to the inspectors generally that they are expected to conduct themselves courteously and considerately to all travelers, regardless of sex, age or condition, and that brutality to any one will mean that the offender must quit the service forthwith. "The complaint in this instance might have been my own mother or sister. No good woman can be protected against insult at the hands of a man with such methods," exclaimed Mr. Sargent, indignantly, as he described the incident.

The man who predicted that Central Illinois would become a barren desert for want of rain on account of tilting the lands has had all his crops washed away by the June and July floods of 1902. He sold his prairie farm and moved into the river bottoms.

It would be surprising if the new battleship Maine should glide around in Cuban waters with a chip on her shoulder.

George S. Boutwell, once governor of Massachusetts, says that he is against imperialism. Will the ancient bean state politician kindly give the name of a man, woman or child in the United States who does favor imperialism?

The Springfield Register says that S. L. Croft of Decatur, a rural mail carrier, has struck upon a happy idea. Hereafter the government named substitutes for a house of representatives not yet elected is the result of somebody's overworked imagination. Littlefield is a big man and plenty good enough for speaker and he comes from the state which gave the country a Blaine and a Tom Reed and a Dingley.

TARIFF GHOSTS NOT FEARED.

The democratic papers, big and little, says the Cincinnati Times-Star, are all proclaiming with one accord that the proper policy of the party is to make tariff the issue. It has only to be recalled that in 1896 they enacted as a party platform that "until the money question is settled we are opposed to any further changes in our tariff laws." Why in 1896 was the democracy so anxious to abandon the tariff issue? They had had a chance to put their tariff ideas into effect, the mills and factories had been closed as a consequence, the country was on the verge of ruin; they had proven a complete failure.

The democracy of 1896 realized that the question of hard times was before the people. Its leaders, therefore, decided to debate the cause—instead of admitting that the disturbance of trade had brought ruin, they decided, as a matter of party policy, to throw the blame upon the financial system. In the same platform they declared "we are unalterably opposed to gold monometallism, which has locked fast the prosperity of an industrial people in the paralysis of hard times."

In other words the democratic party was unable to deny the fearful economic condition into which its free tariff attacks had plunged the country. It had, in fact, to admit that hard times existed—but it chose to throw sand into the public eye, to lay the blame on other causes—to the financial system. The tariff was never to be discussed again until the free coinage had been made a law. The country was threatened with free silver as well as free trade.

Republican success in 1896 caused a continuation of the sound financial policy and a wiping out of the free trade measure. Thus prosperity was restored to the country and it was demonstrated that the cause that had "locked fast the prosperity of an industrial people in the paralysis of hard times" was the attack upon the protective tariff system. Unable to win with free coinage the democratic party now proposes, after eight years, to swing back to the tariff issue. It is to be its latest "paramount." It would be by no means surprising to hear the next democratic platform calmly announce that "until the tariff question is settled we are opposed to any further changes in our monetary laws."

Every economic theory of the democratic party since the war has proven wrong by subsequent experience. The party has sought to hide them away one after the other by raising new theories, by creating new "paramounts." It howled against the protective tariff system so long that it eventually persuaded people to give free trade a trial; it was unwilling to stand by the results of that trial and ascribed them falsely to a financial crisis. Now, without issues, it hopes people have forgotten those dark days and recklessly proposes to make the tariff the issue upon which to make its next race for power.

The republican party has no interest in what issue the democracy chooses to make the "paramount" one; its policies are not dictated by the attitude of the opposition, but by their own merit and soundness. We will only point out that the people of this country have not forgotten the days which followed the enactment of the Wilson bill; it is still history that we can recall during the campaign. The party that in 1896 did not dare defend its tariff policy will certainly not find any smoother

sailing in 1902. Republicans are not to be scared by ghosts.

Congressman Littlefield of Maine is said to be Roosevelt's candidate for speaker of the house against Henderson. Dollars to four apples Roosevelt has no candidate for speaker. He is doing what little he can to be president and is satisfying the American people so well that there can be little doubt of his overwhelming re-election. Hence it is safe to assume that the statement that he is in-riding with the speakership of a house of representatives not yet elected is the result of somebody's overworked imagination. Littlefield is a big man and plenty good enough for speaker and he comes from the state which gave the country a Blaine and a Tom Reed and a Dingley.

Democratic papers are having a hard time to explain President Roosevelt's strenuous opposition to trusts. They say he does not mean it and that he is carrying water on both shoulders and so on ad nauseam. By the way, on which shoulder has the democratic party ever carried opposition to trusts? Surely not when it was in power. The only federal anti-trust law ever passed was enacted by a republican congress and signed by Ben Harrison. Where does the Review stand as to the paramount issue? It hardly ever seems to know much about politics. Yet it is the local democratic organ.

July appears to be bent on equaling or exceeding the June rain record. If its gait is kept up it will give June a hot chase. Decatur appears to be outside of the rain and storm belt. Still it has had enough.

T. C. Benbow, a young Montana inventor, is filing a patent for a flying machine and threatens to "sail all around Santos Dumont." He appears to be getting flighty.

The balance of trade in the last three fiscal years has been in favor of the United States to the tune of \$1,150,000,000. Uncle Sam owns a great country.

There has been "a wild advance in oats" of late according to reports. This is not the first time wild oats have flourished in Chicago either.

"Silver King" John W. Mackay is dead in London. He came from Ireland in abject poverty but became one of the world's richest men.

This has been a good year not to have a bottom farm. Most of the time the grain has been at the bottom of a great flood of water.

Tom Johnson's three cent fares in Cleveland. He can't run for president on that.

Aguidalno may arrive in time to squand the country in favor his friend Bryan.

NOT A POLITICAL ISSUE.

Nashville American (democrat): Concerning the efforts of the American government to secure the removal of the friars from the Philippines the American's Washington correspondent reports from what he hears in Washington that "the democratic party will make capital out of the situation. They assert that the large number of Catholics in this country will resent what has been said about the friars and may carry this feeling even to the polls."

The democratic party will not "make capital of the situation," even if it tries to do so—and an endeavor to do so would be the height of folly. The democratic party already has enough tactical mistakes charged to its account. It would be worse than foolish for it to seek to make an issue out of the friar question. It could only be the "to do so" from motives worthy of the demagogue and the unscrupulous partisan willing to adopt any policy in the effort to secure votes. If the democratic party were to do this it would deserve to be wiped out of existence.

The democratic party cannot afford in common decency and honesty to become the defender or apologist of the Philippine friars. The American people would not stand for any party seeking to defend the conduct and record of the friars and it would win the contempt for the most part, or intelligent self-respecting Catholics. It would be an inexcusable mistake for the democratic leaders, or misleaders, to assume that the Catholics of this country are so ignorant or so prejudiced as to approve of the conduct of the Spanish friars in the Philippines, or to oppose a policy looking to their removal and supplanting them with a reputable priesthood. American Catholics, who are not less strict in their moral ideas than members of any other church, would make no such mistake as that. Even if they were to do so, which is not conceivable, the great

body of the American people would not stand for any party which championed the cause of the friars. The question of removing the friars is a governmental question. There is no call for the churches to engage in it or to become disturbed over it. Nobody who has any proper conception of the question wants the friars removed simply because they are Catholics. And nobody capable of an intelligent and unprejudiced view objects to their removal simply because they are Catholics. If this question is to become an issue in this country, proven facts relative to the history, record and conduct of the friars will be published which will open the eyes of both Protestants and Catholics.

LINCOLN AND DECATUR.

The Lincoln (Ill.) Courier is a good newspaper, but just now it is "seeing things." Its fervid imagination is working overtime about what Dr. Taylor, James Millikin and Decatur are going to do to Lincoln's end of the James Millikin university. All this comes because it was not possible to get materials with which to complete the buildings at Decatur in time to open the school here this year. This paper has no commission to speak for Dr. Taylor, Mr. Millikin or the board of management at Decatur, but it does know that these men are not given to underhand or unfair methods of accomplishing results. They are going to make the James Millikin university located at Decatur and Lincoln one of the greatest institutions of its kind in this country. Its unique and necessary functions and scope are to give it a character all its own. The Lincoln people will be proud of its character and standing and that they are part of it. It can hardly be true that Lincoln is fairly represented in the fierce articles almost daily appearing in the Courier. It must be that some one has an overheated imagination and is riding it bareback and without a bridle.

Senator McLaughlin of South Carolina declines the appointment tendered him by the president on the ground that he is charged with being influenced in his vote in the senate by hope of reward. The more one sees of this southern senator the more he appreciates how much he has borne in the abuse he has received from the four-mouthed Tillman.

Premier Balfour has agreed not to make any appointments until the same are O. Kad by Colonial Secretary Chamberlain. In the evening as he quietly muses Chamberlain hums "Let me make the appointments to office and I do not care who is premier."

The soft coal miners were not moved by selfish considerations in deciding not to tie up and paralyze the business of the whole country. They concluded they could serve their hard coal brethren better by working and contributing. Then, too, they felt they must keep their contracts.

In a recent number of a paper largely read by the light-fingered gentry there appeared the following pointed and suggestive advertisement: "Gamblers and Grifters: Keep away from the Roothouse, Ill., street fair, July 1-5. We will use no kid gloves on you." E. H. TODD, Secretary."

The danger point in the great Mississippi, Illinois and Mississippi floods seems to have passed. The crest is reached and the angry waters begin to recede.

Mr. Bryan is again preparing to invade "the enemy's country." He goes to Boston and on Thursday evening will give his recipe for democratic harmony to the New England Democratic league.

The king's coronation and the president's policy will soon dwindle into insignificance before the greater concern in a brutal prize fight.

John W. Mackay was the bartender-millionaire. While dealing out the stuff to others he always refused to take his own medicine.

The Chicago freight handlers did not strike again. Their first experience was such as to discourage a repetition so soon.

The republican state campaign begins a little late, but when it does start things will move.

RAIN AND WINDS.

Have Worked Great Injury to the Growing Crops.

Though there were a few days which were favorable for haying and harvesting in the northern district, most of the week was so rainy as to prevent farm work. Great injury to growing crops resulted from these rains and the winds which accompanied them, extensive areas of bottom land being flooded and much corn and small grain being

broken down. There was also some injury to grain in shock. In parts of the central district farm work was interrupted but little, and the rains which occurred were beneficial rather than injurious. In the southern district the weather has generally been too dry, and in the extreme southern portion the drought is becoming serious. The weather has, however, been favorable for farm work. Fairly good rains have fallen in parts of the southern district. Wheat and rye are nearly all in shock in the northern district. Both crops have been injured by rain. Threshing has continued in the central and southern districts. The yield of wheat in the central district varies from fair to very good, but the quality is generally not the best. In the southern district the yield is generally less than in the central district. Out harvest is about completed in the southern district, is well advanced in the central district and has begun in the northern district. The heavy rains and wind of the past week have caused much damage by lodging in the southern and part of the central district, and harvesting will be very difficult. The difficulty is still further increased by the wet condition of the ground. In some localities oats are beginning to rust. The yield in the central and southern districts is generally fairly to good. Corn has suffered somewhat from rain and wind in the northern district. Much of it has been broken down and many fields flooded. This is also true of the northern and western portions of the central district. The prospects are still generally good, however, in the region of heavy rains, and very fine in the other parts of the state, except in the extreme south, where the crop is beginning to be injured by drought. In other parts of the south rain will soon be needed. The broom corn prospects continue good. Haying is about completed in the south, but in the northern and part of the central district but little has been done during the past week. The crop is generally quite heavy in the northern and central districts, but much of that which has been put up is not in good condition. Pastures are generally fair, but they are becoming poor in the extreme southern part of the state. Cow peas are doing well, gardens are growing nicely, and potatoes are a big crop but they are rotting in many localities. The apple prospects are less favorable than last week, many apples having been blown off by high winds. The peach prospects are poor. Other fruits vary from poor to good.

WIPED OUT IN A NIGHT.

Crops Almost Instantly Destroyed in the River Bottom Lands.

Henry Ross and John Fitzgerald of Pekin were guests at The Decatur last night. Mr. Ross is a man of wealth and among his other holdings has a tract of seventy acres in the LaMarsh drainage district. This year he had that tract in corn. A few days ago the floods broke the levee which protected that district and about 8,000 acres of corn were destroyed in a few hours. While talking to some friends Mr. Ross said that before the levee broke the prospect for corn in that district was as fine as any he had ever seen and he has spent his life in the corn belt of Illinois. While discussing the breaking of the levee he was asked what his corn prospect was now worth and declared that he would sell his crop from the bottom lands for one dollar.

It is said that the bottom land rarely produces less than fifty bushels of corn per acre when the floods do not interfere and it is therefore easy to see what an immense loss was caused when that levee broke. That district, however, is one of the small ones as compared with others along the Illinois river. Yesterday afternoon a telephone message from Havana said that the Tacey levee at that place had broken and that the district was flooded. There the loss will be much heavier than in the LaMarsh district because it is larger.

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Twenty-four of These Monsters to Be Placed at the Pratt Oil Mill.

Wednesday Superintendent A. Robinson and General Foreman C. S. ...

CURIOUS RACING ACCIDENT

At Assumption Fair Resulted in Broken Leg For George Banks of Taylorville.

THE TRACK RECORD BROKEN.

Assumption, July 23.—Special.—The Assumption fair Wednesday was better attended than the day before, although very few farmers were present.

HAD A WARM TIME

Morgan Street Hose Crews Were Up Against A Fire, and Had No Water Pressure.

A LIVELY FIGHT FOR A TIME.

The Light Frame Buildings Involved Burned Like Tinder Boxes.

Wednesday afternoon the crews from the Morgan street hose house had one of the hottest little fires they have encountered for a long time.

A DOLLAR OF 1804.

Curious History of a Valuable Coin Believed to Be Genuine.

Captain Abbott, of the secret service department, had in his possession recently an alleged 1804 dollar that has set many secret service men to work.

AN AWFUL DEATH

Arthur Stover, Aged 19, Had His Right Leg Ground to Pieces in Threshing Machine.

DIED WITHIN THIRTY MINUTES.

The Coroner's Jury Exonerates the Owners of the Threshing Machine.

While working with a threshing outfit two miles south of Canaan Wednesday afternoon Arthur Stover, aged 19 years, met an awful death.

COMPANY REORGANIZED.

Two Decatur Men Take Charge of Peoria Manufacturing Concern.

A change has been announced in the personnel of the firm of Selby, Starr & Co., effective at this time, and which contemplates the enlargement and extension of the business which has for many years been one of the widest known and most conservatively managed manufacturing properties in the city of Peoria.

Maroon.

A number of the members of Myrtle temple of the Bathstone Sisters joined the Clinton lodge in a picnic at Weldon Springs on Tuesday.

James F. Hartman went to Chicago on a business trip Monday evening.

SHE WAS GADDING

And There Was No One to Care for Her Child.

Yesterday afternoon a man living in the southern part of the city met Police Officer Imboden on the street and told him that a woman who lived at his house had left the place early in the day and her child was there and needed the care of some one.

FOR THE FEDERAL BUILDING.

The Treasury Department Is Offered Choice of Eight Locations.

Eight sites for the public building which is to be erected in Decatur await inspection by the agent of the treasury department upon whose report a decision will be made.

NEW COMPANY ORGANIZED.

Will Control Sattley Foundry in This City—Will Expand Business.

The Central Malleable Iron Company will succeed the Sattley company in the control of the big foundry operated by the latter company in this city.

Is in Colorado.

Judge E. P. Vail left Chicago, where he has been holding court, Wednesday for Colorado to see his brother, who was stricken with paralysis some time ago.

Married in Missouri.

Harry P. Rehfeldt and Miss Bonni Dill, both of this city, were married Monday evening, July 22nd, in the Methodist church at Clayton, Mo.

Don't Fail to Try This.

Whoever an honest try is given to Electric Bitters for any trouble it is recommended for a permanent cure will surely be effected.

Begin to Look Beautiful.

The stones forming the north jamb of the main entrance to the new Carnegie library were set Wednesday and the rest of the doorway will be put in place today.

Wine Room Barred.

The city council of Pekin has passed an ordinance prohibiting wine houses, its provisions in substance are that no saloon, cafe, etc., can open in connection with its regular business a room containing four or more seats for the sale of wine, and all of them must be of the same sex.

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Tells Why the Tile Floor in the Court House Swelled.

Recently the tile floor in the court house corridor opening on Main street, bulged in spots and the supervisors ordered that all of the floor in that corridor should be taken up and relaid.

Lifting by Magnets.

The most important employment of the magnet in the mechanical industries is in lifting and handling such masses of metal as ship plates, boiler plates and parts of machines which it would otherwise be difficult to get hold of.

PUT UNDER BONDS.

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Ed Grubel, charged by his wife with threatening to kill her, was put under \$500 bonds to keep the peace in Justice McCoy's court Wednesday.

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Berlin, July 23.—Dr. B. C. Kolner, mayor of Bloemfontein, has arrived at Berlin.

Need More Help.

Often the over-taxed organs of digestion cry out for help by Dyspepsia's pains, Nausea, Dizziness, Headaches, liver complaints, bowels disorders, such troubles call for prompt use of Dr. King's New Life Pills.

Former Kills Himself.

Monday, just after the noon hour, Nelson Davis, a well known and successful farmer of Pikeaway township, was shot dead.

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They Did Not Offer Insult to Rev. Beltz.
The Herald chronicled the fact that persons living in the city had been arrested for offering insult to Rev. Beltz. The following is a list of the persons who were arrested: ...

WILL OPEN TODAY

Everything in Readiness for the Inaugural Day of Decatur's Summer Meeting.

BAND MAKES TOUR AT NOON.

Opening Address Will Be Made by Hon. W. C. Johns—The Program.

Everything is in readiness for the opening of the summer meeting this afternoon. The band will make a tour at noon. The opening address will be made by Hon. W. C. Johns. The program is as follows: ...

SHE IS LIABLE.

Mother is Liable to Prosecution for Neglect.

The mother of a child who has been neglected is liable to prosecution. The following is a list of the persons who have been prosecuted: ...

COMES A BANKRUPT.

Schwartz of Bethany Files a Petition Thursday.

Charles B. Schwartz of Bethany, Ind., has filed a petition in bankruptcy. The following is a list of the assets and liabilities: ...

Deeds Recorded.

The following deeds have been recorded: ...

AT NIGHT.

The night program will begin with a short program by the band. The following is a list of the persons who will participate: ...

SOME DETAILS.

The management has tried to provide every comfort for the visitors. The following are some of the details: ...

Officers Here.

Harry Bates, Jr., of Indianapolis, president of the American Homeby company, George E. Henry, superintendent of plants for that company at Terre Haute, Ind., and St. Joseph, Mo., and C. W. Ellis, superintendent of plants at Indianapolis, were in Decatur yesterday looking over the plants of that company in this city.

MARON'S CONCERT.

The Maron band gave their regular concert on the square at Maron last night. In the afternoon the Warrensburg and Maron teams played a game of ball. The concert at night was attended by a large crowd and the music was excellent.

FEUD CAUSES DUEL NEAR PARIS.

Combatants Become Very Angry and Fight Was Carried on with Tremendous Energy.

Soberly as at the present moment discussing the duel which took place recently between Prince Helle de Tallyrand and Prince Stourdza, says a Paris cable dispatch. The affair arose out of an old feud. The two princes had had violent quarrels more than once over a matter of a quite private nature and some months ago they even came to blows, but as the Roumanian nobleman had not yet attained his majority no challenge was sent. Some weeks ago, however, Prince Stourdza, having arrived at years of discretion from the legal standpoint, again insulted Prince Helle de Tallyrand, for whom he still entertained a deep hatred, and followed this up by dispatching a couple of friends to him. As these gentlemen were not able to light upon his foe, Prince Stourdza went after him at Havre, and another lively altercation, accompanied with assault and battery, was the result of their meeting in the Norman town. This time an encounter in due form on the classic ground was inevitable, and the preliminary arrangements having been concluded, the duel took place at the Parc des Princes, which on this occasion at least, did not bear its name. M. Georges Boehlmeier and M. Leopold Stevens did the needful for the Roumanian champion, his adversary's seconds being M. J. Pradel and M. de Marcellis.

As may well be imagined, the principals, as soon as they had been posted in front of each other, rapier in hand, and fairly started, lost no time in launching out into a vigorous attack. Prince Helle de Tallyrand, in particular, distinguished himself by his tremendous energy. Tall and slight, his hair slightly streaked with gray, he simply went for his opponent, who is shorter of stature, but very muscular, with dark locks and complexion, after the type of his race. It was, as a matter of fact, no easy thing to follow their movements, so rapid were they, as one thrust and lunged and the other parried with such determination that in the first four encounters or bouts (three pairs of rapiers were put hors du combat, being twisted almost to the shape of corkscrews, while of their originally fine and sharp points there was no longer any trace. In the fifth and, as it proved to be, the last encounter, Prince Stourdza, who had until then been acting on the defensive, attacked his adversary in a very resolute style, but this had no effect upon Prince Helle de Tallyrand's tactics, as he, with the quiet and meaning smile which his face had worn throughout, coolly disarmed this hot assault and continued to thrust as before, instead of parrying. It was a hot, sharp fight, but the bout was brought to a sudden close by a thrust which the Roumanian Prince received in the forearm, causing a deep wound and at once putting a stop to the duel.

A Poem Worked Over.

The following verse taking as its text the defalcation of a bank cashier, is not bad. It is from the Minneapolis Tribune:

"Life is real and life is earnest,
And the man is lost who shrinks,
But the fellow starts the doing,
In the bank who takes the works."

"Do not like dumb, driven cattle—"

If you are you will be chaffed.
Get into the ray procession—
Cultivate some easy graft.

"Every minute yields a sucker—"

"This a statement that is plain;
And if bait is often freshened,
All the old ones bite again."

A Sacred Chinese Coin.

One of the coins of the Chinese emperor Kanghi is very much sought after by the Chinese, who use it in making rings for the finger. It is slightly different from the other cash issued under the same emperor in the form of one of the characters that indicate the regular period. The Chinese call it "Lo-han cash," the word "Lo-han" being a translation in Chinese characters of the Sanskrit word Arhat, "venerable," the name applied to the eighteen attendants of Buddha, who are frequently seen ranged along the two sides of the principal halls in Buddhist temples.

The tradition is that while the emperor was intimately associated with European missionaries he became imbued with a feeling of contempt for Buddhism and illustrated this phase of his faith by having a set of eighteen brass Lo-han images melted down and cast into cash.

A Platform Dance.

Miss Margaret Conaghan, living about a half mile north of Niantic, gave a platform dance for a number of her young friends last evening. The platform was erected in the yard and lighted by large lamps. The party was one of the merriest of the season and Miss Conaghan was voted a splendid entertainer. Light refreshments were served during the evening. A few from this city attended by special invitation.

NEW HOSE HOUSE

Fire Commissioners Will Meet Tonight and No Doubt Award Contract For The Work.

COSTS MORE THAN EXPECTED.

But the Building and Equipping Will Not Be Delayed.

Tonight Mayor Shilling and the members of the board of fire commissioners will have a meeting to consider the question of awarding the contract for erecting the new hose house on North Main street. It is no doubt true that the contract would have been awarded before this time if any of the bids had been within the limit fixed by the appropriation made for that purpose.

The house was expected to cost about \$1500. The expense of an inspector, the cost of the plans and all that sort of thing added to the bid of the contractor will make the total expense about \$6000.

The house will be erected however, and in all probability the contract will be awarded tonight. Mayor Shilling said: "The house will be built at once. It will cost more than we had intended, but we will manage to reduce expenses in some other direction in order to have money sufficient. There is one way that we can get around the difficulty but we will avoid that as long as possible. We can build and equip the house and delay naming it until the first of January or until the first of the fiscal year if forced to. The fire appropriation counted on maintaining a crew at the new house for the last six months of the fiscal year. Now it there is absolutely no other way the money that would have been required for that purpose we can apply to the cost of the building. I am of the opinion, however, that we will be able to get around the trouble without resorting to that end."

WINGED REPTILES OF WEST.

Remains of a Wonderful Family of Prehistoric Terrors Found in California.

Long-buried remains of animals that must have been as interesting and peculiar as the gryphon in "Alice in Wonderland," are technically described in a bulletin issued by the geology department of the University of California. The author is Professor John C. Merriam, who has done extensive paleontological work on the Pacific slope. Under the forbidding title of "Triassic Ichthyosaurus from California and Nevada" Professor Merriam publishes for the first time several very interesting facts concerning the winged reptiles that made their home long ago upon the Pacific coast. No estimate of the size of these reptiles is ventured in the bulletin but some idea of it may be gained from the fact that several vertebrae were found that were seven inches wide.

In 1895, according to the bulletin, Professor Merriam received from Professor James P. Smith of Stanford University a number of vertebrae and limb bones collected by him in Shasta county, Cal. Professor Smith thought the genus to which these remains belonged had its closest affinities with the Ichthyosaurus, or swimming reptiles. Last year Professor Merriam made two visits with parties of students, to the triassic areas of Shasta county and unearthed a number of new and valuable remains which he thinks establish an entirely new family or subfamily of flying reptiles.

All of the saurian material was collected in two limestone areas in the northern part of the county. Unfortunately little but the impression left by the bones had been found, but Professor Merriam's party found a number of actual specimens of bones.

"Nearly all of the specimens," says Professor Merriam, "are very firmly united with the matrix in which they are embedded. They are generally much like the rock in color and structure, so that in many cases it has been almost impossible to separate them from it or even to define their limits. In some specimens the difficulty in preparation has been increased by the presence of irregular bodies of silicious material replacing the limestone. Fortunately, many of the bones are partly silicified, or a film of silicious material has covered the walls of the canals and cavities, so that it has been possible to bring out their form and structure quite distinctly by the careful application of acids."

The collection includes considerable parts of seven individual flying reptiles and many isolated bones and teeth. Professor Merriam thinks they represent nearly the whole of the skeleton except the forepart of the skull and the distal or extreme parts of the paddles. He recognizes the group as the genus Shastasaurus.

The illustrations which accompany the bulletin show some of the skeletons to be seven or eight feet long. Imagine an ordinary alligator whizzing around over the trees in Central park and you have some idea of the shastasaurus in action. One specimen was discovered in Shasta county several years ago, but was so large that it could not be handled without special appliances, and was only recently brought to the University of California at Berkeley.

Of the species described in the bulletin five are new. As concerns distribution Professor Merriam thinks it improbable that a group of marine reptiles like the shastasaurus would be confined within very narrow geographical limits, particularly as the occurrence of its remains points toward a fairly deep and open sea as its habitat. He says further:

"It is hardly to be doubted that future exploration and investigation will bring to light remains of shastasaurus at numerous points outside of the Pacific coast regions of North America."

SELECTING A SITE

Col. Low Coming to Determine Where Government Building Shall be Located.

HE IS EXPECTED NEXT WEEK.

Will Interview Business Men As To Preference As to Sites.

A government inspector will be in the city in a few days to look over proposed sites for the new government building and make his report to the treasury department. His recommendation will doubtless go a long way in determining the matter. The following bit of information concerning his coming appeared in the Washington news of the Chicago Record Herald on Thursday:

Washington, July 23.—Sites for public buildings in Illinois, authorized at the last session, will be selected upon a report which will be made by Colonel James T. Low, of the technical department of the supervising architect's office. Colonel Low will leave for Chicago next Friday, and while there will visit in order Kankakee, Champaign, Decatur, Jacksonville, Pekin, Sterling, Ottawa and DeKalb. He will inspect the sites offered at each place, will ascertain the preferences of business men, and will make a report in each case which will be submitted to the secretary of the treasury and be his guide in making selections. Colonel Low's task is not difficult, because there is no contest on over sites in any of the cities he will visit.

Sites will have to be selected for public buildings at two other places in Illinois—Evanston and Oak Park. Colonel Low will not report upon either. Supervising Architect Taylor has reserved for himself the investigation at both places, and will make them personally some time next month. Mr. Taylor gives no special reason for not including both in Colonel Low's itinerary. "Billy" Lerimer is greatly interested in the Oak Park building.

THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY.

R. D. Huddleston Compelled to Use Cradles to Cut His Field of Oats.

R. D. Huddleston, who lives in Blue Mound township on rural route No. 4 out of Decatur, is getting in a crop of oats in the old-fashioned way, cutting the grain with cradles.

Huddleston had a field of forty acres that was all right except that it was pretty well spotted with stumps of old trees. He put in a crop of oats and now that the grain is ripe, found that he could not put a machine in the field on account of the stumps. The grain was, of course, worth saving and he hired men to cut it in the old-fashioned way with cradles. There are eight men in the field swinging the scythes and they cut about an acre each per day. An up-to-date binder would cut between twelve and fifteen acres a day and would bind it as well. In Huddleston's field the oats must be cut by hand and afterward men must follow and bind the grain in the old way.

The old timers of course will tell you of their days when they could keep up their end with a cradle, but the majority of them are the best hands with a scythe when sitting in the shade on a dry goods box, and one of the surprising things about this in this day of riding plows, binders and all of the latter day farming machinery, that Huddleston could find men enough to go into the field and save his grain. It is a sight that carries one back to the "good old days."

Wemco II Wins Special.

Put-inlay, Ohio, July 24.—The event in today's meet of the Inter-lake Yachting association was the special race between Wemco II, Put-inlay and Minx around a twelve mile triangle. The Wemco finished ten minutes and fifty-two seconds ahead of the Put-inlay and the Minx six minutes behind the latter.

His Mother Will Plead.

Cleveland, Ohio, July 24.—The mother of Dr. Russell Wilson, the Ohio physician, will leave for Bluefields, Nicaragua, tomorrow to make a plea for the life of her son who is under arrest at Bluefields charged with being a member of the filibustering expedition against the Nicaraguan government.

Veteran Dead.

Oswego, Kas, July 24.—Marshall Crum who died here today, served in the Seventy-ninth Illinois regiment during the civil war, he was taken prisoner at Stone River, confined in Libby Prison and exchanged, and was wounded at Chickamauga.

Street Duel.

Greenville, Miss., July 24.—In a street duel at midnight Neal Conley was killed by Ed Schrauber and Policeman Burns was fatally wounded. Schrauber and Captain Quinn were also wounded.

Canada is proud of her 500 lobster canneries. You call a Canadian a lobster and he takes it as a commercial compliment.

Magistrate Connorton of New York says grown girls who are disobedient should be spanked.

Are the mermaids gossiping? You know they carry tails.

In whist, "you cheated!" is often a trumped-up charge.

A color bearer—The girl who blushes.

Mrs. Charles Brown will leave today for Denver to join her husband, who recently went to that city to take a position on the Denver & Rio Grande road.

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BANK CLEARINGS.

The clearings of the Decatur banks for Thursday, July 24, were \$34,948.45, making a total for the week of \$258,880.90 against \$319,670.01 for the week preceding.

METAL CEILING.

Nichols & Sonerville have just finished putting a handsome new metal ceiling in their confectionery on North Water street.

BUYS A BUILDING.

Dr. Cass Chenoweth has purchased the brick dwelling at 129 East William street and will have the walls extended to the street and the lower floor altered to make a store room. The second floor will be fitted for offices.

SEWING CIRCLE.

The North End Sewing Circle held their meeting at Fairlawn park Thursday afternoon and the gentlemen were invited out for supper which was served at 6 o'clock.

Carl's Schoolmate.

Carl Herbel, an eighteen-year-old boy, ended his life in Chicago on Wednesday by shooting himself. He was of a gloomy and morose disposition and had threatened a number of times to kill himself. The young man had been a schoolmate of Carl Leux of this city and was well known to him.

Interesting Reading.

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